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*Wreadin' Writin' 'n' Wreminiscin'  
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Small landscape I did  
w hen the sun came out  
a w hile ago.  
Pennsylvania is a lush  
green state.



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So good to hear from you and that your life  
is going so well. I did get the new sletters  
and all the info, really enjoyed them so  
much... sorry it has taken me so long to  
respond but life has been a little hectic to  
say the least!!! Last reunion (Nov.2002) I  
REALLY hated not being there... but we had  
a family wedding to attend, and shortly after  
that , I had a Heart Attack! So from

Stamford Hospital ( via Ambulance) to St. Vincent's in Bridgeport,  
off I w as having an angioplasty plus the insertion of a stent!!! Not to  
thrilled about INVASIVE anything!!! (I'm the "CHICKEN" Nurse). I  
thought everything w as going fine... until Jan. 7th 2003 w hen I  
suffered terrible chest pain, again! All my arteries closed up!!! so I



knew what was next..... end result ... was a Triple By-pass, insertion of a Permanent pacemaker (heart arrhythmia's) and had a slight stroke during surgery... was in ICU for 2 weeks, respirator, kidney dialysis, etc... off to rehab in Stamford for another 2 weeks... back to Stamford Hospital again for pneumonia... let me tell you... I'm soooooo Lucky to be here!!! as they say... "Almost bought the Farm!!!" I'm doing cardio rehab now (I call it the torture chamber).

I was divorced in 1985 from Gene **DUENWEG** and married in 1999 to Ron Restivo.... so life goes on.... before all of this I had a wonderful career in Nursing and Yes, Adele (Del) **BERLINGO** Hatch and I are still "Best" friends....almost "54" years!!! I don't know what I would have done without the help of family and all my friends, especially "Del" she was there every minute for me!!!

Well enough of this... again so glad to here from you and read about everyone's wonderful accomplishments... Keep up the good work.

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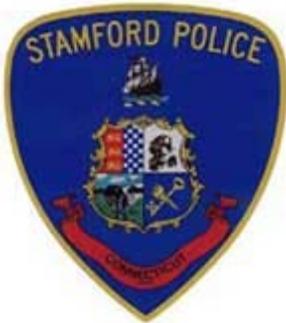


The only news I have for the class is that I just returned from Orlando FL., where I attended a School Resource Officers conference. While there I was given the 2003 Lifetime Achievement Award for my 32 years of service at the Stamford Police Department. I was promoted, in 2002, from patrolmen to Assistant Chief of Police, which has never been done before in the history of the department. I honestly believe that growing up in Greenwich and attending the fine schools located there helped me build a foundation of life skills that lasted these 40 years, since we all finished high school in 1962.



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Before I was promoted to chief I was assigned to Stamford High School, where I worked as the School Resource Officer for 6 years, full time. While there I started a summer camp for middle school kids who had nowhere to go for the summer, and it was free of charge 6 week camp, held at Westhill High School in Stamford. Now in 2003 I'm in charge of the School Resource Officer's program and the camp. The camp started in 1999 with 300 youths, each day. It was scaled back in 2003, with the money problems in the area. Well, that's enough for now, you will hear from me again... thank you. John

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Thanks to Patricia **ROSE** Bishel, (see below) I get to relate my early years in the Architecture Profession with the firm of Conklin Rossant... we were quite famous at that time... mostly among our peers. But in the early years we won a competition to design

a Tourist Attraction for downtown Oklahoma City... nothing



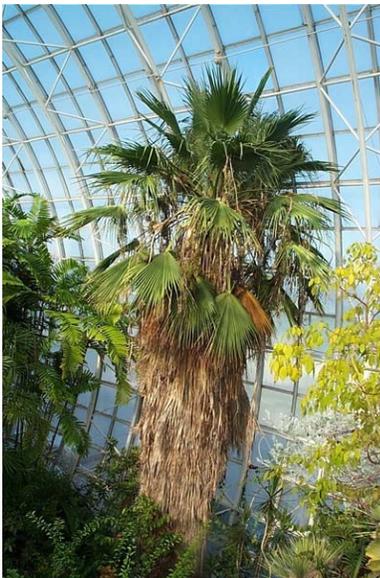
defined but we were given a huge "Urban Renewal" zone to play with and we came up with an Amusement Park... That is it in simple terms... to be more specific... you have to understand the "culture" of Oklahoma City and its environs.



You can stand on one end of Oklahoma and on a clear day... see the opposite corner. Flat lands with miles and miles of dust, interrupted on occasion by man-made lakes and miles of highways. Trucks



are sucked along the highways by their predecessors and there are not just double tandems but quadruple rigs rolling at 200 miles an hour... everyw here. The city of Oklahoma City... is wind torn and bleak... People live underground in the city (miles of tunnels connecting the building) and only surface to get into their cars for that air-conditioned ride to the house in the suburb... to arrive at the garage with the remote door opener mounted in the ceiling of their cars. Once inside the air-conditioned garage... they leave the city behind and hide in their houses... after all it's 7:00pm and the city is "closed"... Just go there and you will understand... It is a surprise that the Hotel doesn't close its doors and send the guests to the suburbs as well.



Back to the Amusement Park... Since we realized that everyone is underground, we would build this "park" below grade... Also there was an amazing thing about the site that we were given... If you dig down 20 feet you would find water... not just any water... but a river, an honest to goodness flowing river. This river, just like the people of Oklahoma City, lives underground. WE proposed that they dig a big hole in the middle of the city and shape it to capture three directions or view corridors... each focused on an element in



the Amusement Park... you know ... Rides and ferris wheels etc. That's what we won the Competition with, but that's not what we ended up building.

It was from this initial Splash and Splendor Presentation that we tailored the Carnival Like Atmosphere to a Serene and Tranquil Botanic Gardens complete with the world's largest "terrarium" spanning across the manmade lakes in the center of downtown Oklahoma City. Myriad Gardens Crystal Bridge and Botanic Gardens... Again, not bad for a kid from Byram.



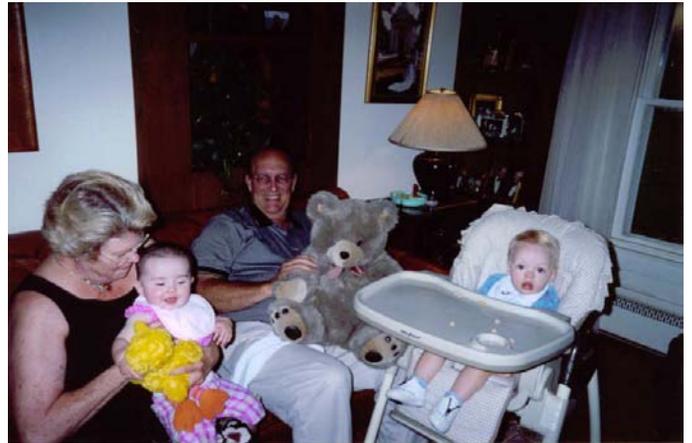
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Unfortunately, I've missed the last 2 reunions. Christo said they were great time. If you or someone on your list is in charge of the next one please copy me. I'd like to try and attend. Attached is a picture of Marijean my wife lovely bride of 38 years and our two grandchildren. Miss Haley Lynne McPeak my daughters little girl, and James "Jamie" Lee Pantas, my son's boy. As you can plainly see in the picture I'll never run the hurdles, play basketball or football again. Occasionally I'll sing in the

show er, shades of Senior Chorus, but otherw ise w e're in fine health and go sailing, w henever w e can.

I hope all my class mates are w ell and happy. I have many great memories of GHS. Great to see all the names and a few faces. I've seen a lot of Christo and Lorraine over the past few years. Christo has recently moved back to San Francisco CA. He's an avid sailor as w ell.

Did you know that my dad, Leo J. Pantas served as chairman of the board at Pratt for 19 years. Pratt named a dormitory after him (after your time). Dad passed aw ay a couple of years ago. My mother is a Pratt graduate as w ell as is my sister Lynne. My brother Lee is an author of a guide book to Asheville, NC and artist living in Asheville, NC.



Thanks Bob, Your energy level is over the top! Or, you have w ay too much time on your hands. I greatly appreciate your efforts bring old friends together.

I kept singing in college(s), GA TECH, perfected Travis picking on my guitar, shooting 8 ball, dating Delta airline stew ardess and my grades; in that order. Transferred to URI a broken hearted "rambling w reck". Things got brighter quicker; met and married the lead singer in our Trio. Still have the guitar and the Bride w ith two w onderful children Lee and Lisa along w ith a grandson Jamie and granddaughter Haley. Marijean and I are trying to retire. So if, anyone out there w ants 4 acres on the Delaw are River in Washington Crossing, PA? Give me a call, special GHS class of 62' discount.



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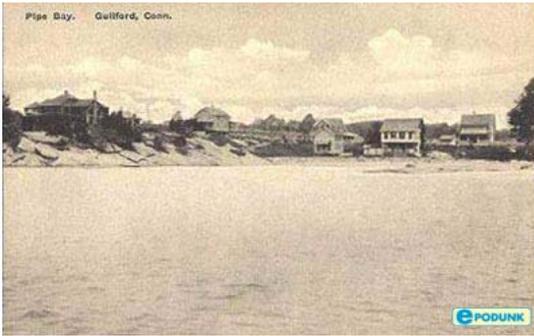


Fate carried me to the U. of Bridgeport, w here I got my degree in French (surprise!) and Secondary Ed. I did my practice teaching at Eastern Junior High, and met my first husband there, Allen Peterson, w ho w as a Spanish teacher. We w ere married in 1968, and w e had 3 boys, Scott, Erik, and Ted. I taught on and off for several years in Greenwich, New Canaan, and Guilford, retiring in 1999. We had a small horse farm in Durham for about 25 years, w here the kids grew up. (Durham?, you w onder?! It's just another tow n w ith a GHS.)

Allen passed aw ay in 1982, and w e lost Erik in 1994. How ever, the undertaker took a liking to me (1982), and w e w ent together for 16 years until he died in '98. More importantly, he had introduced me to my present husband, Art Bishel, w hose family has had a hardw are store in Middletow n, CT, since 1898. We married 3 days after I retired in '99. Betw een us w e have 8 kids and 11 grandchildren. (Art takes most of the credit for that: he has 5 kids and 10 grands.)

Scott w as married (but now divorced) and has an adorable 6-year-old daughter, Hannah. He is a Real Estate broker in Gainesville, FL. Ted is still single and is a computer tech at the U of FL in the School of Law .





I've always been nuts about horses, so we had a few on the farm in Durham. I learned to drive a pony, and now we have a Standard-bred gelding who lives in the back yard and whose claim to fame is that he has been in 3 movies!

Art retired in 2000, and he complains that he is busier now than when he was working at the hardware store. We are into square dancing, and we just returned from a 5-week trip making a

4000-mile camping trail to Oklahoma (for the 52nd National Square Dance Convention) via MN and then back through Branson, Memphis, Nashville, Lexington, KY (Horse Park!), MD, and PA.

Besides traveling, we enjoy playing Bridge, gardening, helping the Middletown Power Squadron with the Boat Safety courses (Art has a sailboat near Mystic Seaport, which we enjoy.), square dancing locally, and attending Masonic Lodge functions, since Art is a Mason.

That's enough for now! Would love to hear from classmates:

### *Where 'r' They Now...01 August 2003*

The only one I know about for sure is that Miss Connie Anderson (math) died at the Nathaniel Witherell Home a few years ago at the age of 92.

### *Reminiscin' Compass Photos*

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